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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/834,597 of Tim Keith et al.
NOVEL HUMAN GENE RELATING TO RESPIRATORY DISEASES, OBESITY,
AND INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE
SPC Ref.: LI01385K; GTC Ref.: HUM00-03; M&F Ref.: 2976-4039US1

Dear Dr. Pandit:


Further to our letter of August 14, 2001 and our telephone conversation of August 20, 2001, this is to remind you that declaration and assignment documents signed and dated by all of the named inventors must be filed in the above-referenced application. Copies of the filed application and the declaration and assignment documents are enclosed herewith.

For the declaration document, we kindly request that you read the patent application and declaration, and sign, date, and indicate citizenship where shown on page 6. For the assignment document, we ask that you read the assignment, and sign and date the document where shown on page 6, if possible, in the presence of a Notary Public.

We kindly request that you return the signed and completed assignment and declaration documents to Morgan & Finnegan, L.L.P. by return Federal Express delivery. For your convenience, we have provided a self-addressed return Federal Express envelope for your use in sending us the completed documents.

We will call you to ensure that you have received the application and declaration papers. We will expect to receive the signed and dated declaration within five (5) days after you have received it. Your prompt response is sincerely appreciated. If you should have any questions concerning our request, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures

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